

**DEL Report to the
Early Learning Advisory Council
June 15, 2009**



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Professional Development Consortium

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Professional Development Consortium: Progress

- Started work on Washington State Core Competencies
- Completed visioning work on the ideal system elements
- Formed two workgroups to draft work products due in July:
 - Professional Standards
 - Compensation and Incentives

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Professional Development Consortium: Next Steps

- Sub-group members will meet and draft work products for the larger July Consortium meeting
- Share work products and elicit feedback from larger group
- Continue to meet in smaller sub-groups to organize work around identified system elements

Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network (R&R) report to the Legislature



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R&R Evaluation Report to the Legislature

- 2009 budget proviso:

DEL, in conjunction with the Early Learning Advisory Council, shall report by June 30, 2009, to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the Legislature regarding the following:

An evaluation of the child care resource and referral network in providing information to parents and training and technical assistance to child care providers.

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R&R Evaluation Report: Progress

- DEL and CCR&R Network have met regularly to create an outline and draft the report
- Draft includes data gathered from the CCR&R Network and information on how CCR&R Network supports the work of DEL

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R&R Evaluation Report: Next Steps

- Report draft being reviewed at DEL
- Report will be included in a larger report due to the Legislature on June 30, 2009

State Training and Registry System (STARS)





STARS: Overview

- House Bill 2687: DEL, ELAC will report to Legislature on administration of STARS
 - Annual expenditures
 - Participants
 - Average hours of training per participant



STARS: Progress and Next Steps

- DEL has met and collaborated with WAEYC in identifying an outline and drafting the report
- Report draft being reviewed at DEL
- Report will be included in a larger report due to the Legislature on June 30, 2009

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Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

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CCDF: Overview

- \$5 billion in federal funds distributed to states for child care
- Goals:
 - Improve access
 - Improve quality
 - Support parent options
 - Subsidies for work, training or school
- DEL is lead CCDF agency for Washington
 - Current plan for October 2007 through September 2009
 - Next two-year plan is due July 1, 2009

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CCDF Plan update

- Public input

- 480 survey responses
- 2 public hearings
 - Moses Lake
 - Kent
- 6 email responses
- Feedback from 14 DEL Parent Advisory Group members

- Common themes

- Providers want more training opportunities
- Improvement in subsidy system is needed

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CCDF ELAC Subcommittee Accomplishments

- Developed a timeline for draft CCDF plan
- Decided the types of data and information used
- Determined method for gathering and sharing information with community stakeholders
- Drafted survey

Thank you Jim Skucy and Robin Higa!

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CCDF: Next Steps

- Draft plan is on DEL website
- Submittal of the plan to the federal Child Care Bureau and Region X office by July 1
- Feedback from Regional staff about changes or edits in plan
- Approval in August or September
- Federal fiscal year starts October 1
- Plan can be amended as needed over the next two years

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Early Learning Plan (ELP)



Early Learning Plan (ELP)

- Background
- Structure/Process
- Progress
- Next Steps/Timeline

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ELP Background

- The initial ELP Workgroup was established as an ELAC subgroup in October 2008 in response to SSSB 5828
- Worked from October to December 2008 on recommendations for strategies related to developing statewide plan
- Reported two recommendations to ELAC on Dec. 30th

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ELP Background (cont'd)

- December 2008 Recommendations:
 - Broader stakeholder involvement before discussing indicators
 - Thrive, DEL, other partners discuss scope of plan, who should be involved
- In January 2009, Thrive By Five and DEL partnered to convene an initial meeting and a broader ELP Steering Committee was established
- In March 2009, ELP Steering Committee proposed a timeline and key recommendations to ELAC for moving forward with plan

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ELP Background (cont'd)

- March 2009 key recommendations presented to ELAC:
 - Ensure broad representation on planning group
 - Establish a Committee Structure
 - Build on existing work and frameworks
 - Workgroups for specific components (e.g., social/emotional)
 - Staffing and funding needed
 - BUILD provides technical assistance, resources
 - ELAC is the decision-making body for ELP
 - ELP plan by December 2009

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2009 ELP Structure/Process Proposal

- **March to June:**

- Define resource/staffing needs
- Finalize principles and conceptual agreements
- Define outline of plan, needed workgroups
- Recruit diverse membership

- **June to October:**

- Workgroups create draft sections of plan
- Monthly updates sent to coordinating committee
- Coordinating Committee reports to ELAC on progress
- Initial public/community vetting

- **October to December:**

- Public/community engagement/vetting
- Refinement of plan
- Produce detailed work plan
- Report to ELAC

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Progress

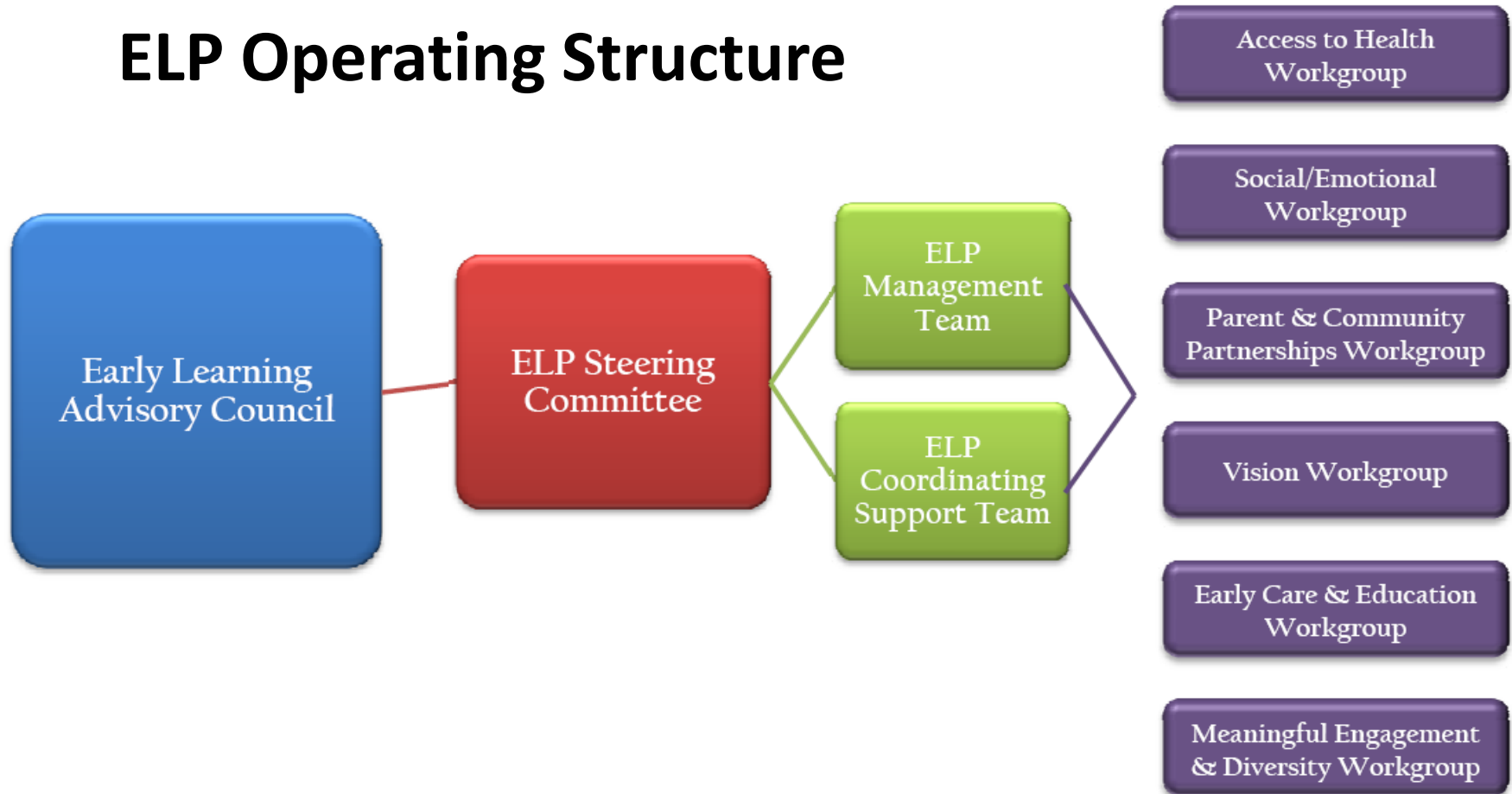
(April-June 2009)

- ELP membership and operating structure
- ELP Management and Coordinating Support Teams
- ELP Steering Committee meeting in April
- ELP Workgroups
- ELP Workgroups assigned specific tasks to approach prior to next Steering Committee meeting
- ELP budget
- ELP timeline

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ELP Operating Structure





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Management and Coordinating Support Teams: Progress

- Management/coordination of resources, budget, staffing, meeting schedules
- Development of timelines (draft plan 2009, vetting early 2010)
- Request for Proposal (RFP) review for consultant(s)

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ELP April Steering Committee Meeting: Progress

- Age Range of Plan: Prenatal-Eight
- Utilize Kids Matter as a guiding document in developing the plan (acknowledging that we will make necessary changes to the framework along the way)
- Initial workgroups formed in alignment with Kids Matter domains
- Vision and Meaningful Engagement & Diversity workgroups formed
- Race Matters training for ELP Steering Committee members
- Infrastructure workgroups discussed; will be established in next phase

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ELP Workgroups

- **Access to Health** (Jill Sells)
- **Social/Emotional** (Tory Henderson)
- **Early Care and Education** (Elizabeth Bonbright Thompson)
- **Parent and Community Partnerships**
(Sarah Borgida and Helen Jones)
- **Meaningful Engagement and Diversity** (Nina Auerbach)
- **Vision** (Bette Hyde)

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ELP Workgroups: First Meeting

- Review and expand workgroup membership
- Review, expand, and clarify workgroup purpose
- Review and provide feedback to ELP Guiding Principles and Statewide Planning document
- Review current Kids Matter outcomes for respective domains; identify potential changes or additions
- Prepare to update ELP Steering Committee in July

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Proposed/Projected ELP Budget Items

- Create and manage ELP process (**\$75,000- In-Kind**)
- Consultant to guide ELP process and write/draft the plan (**\$75,000**)
- Direct support costs for workgroups (travel, facilities, etc.) (**\$25,000**)
- Support for indicator development (**\$10,000**)
- Stakeholder feedback process (**\$15,000**)
- Printing costs (**\$10,000**)

TOTAL (public/private funding):	\$135,000
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<u>TOTAL (In-Kind):</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>
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TOTAL BUDGET:	\$210,000
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Next Steps: ELP Timeline

April to June 2009

- Steering Committee decisions (creation of workgroups, etc.)
- Workgroups begin to meet
- Finalize vision

July to September 2009

- Hire a consultant (coordinate meetings, provide support to workgroups, synthesize stakeholder feedback, write the plan, etc.)
- Race Matters Training & work of the Meaningful Engagement & Diversity workgroup

July to September 2009 (cont.)

- Workgroups clarifying/revising strategies and outcomes, definitions for domains

October to December 2009

- Draft plan developed
- Identification of indicators and performance measures, identify process for vetting in early 2010

January to March 2010

- Vetting
- Final Plan